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FROM SECSTATE WASHDC APR 24:

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SUBJECT:ETHIOPIA DROUGHT - USE OF U.S. MILITARY HELICOPTERS

1. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO DEPLOY THREE U.S.  
MILITARY HELICOPTERS TO ETHIOPIA FOR USE IN A MEDICAL/  
NUTRITION REQUIREMENT SURVEY EFFORT IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. THE SURVEY IS PLANNED FOR THE FIVE OR SIX SOUTHERNMOST  
PROVINCES INCLUDING HARRARGE, BOLE AND SIDAMO ON THE  
SOMALI BORDER. THE DURATION OF THE SURVEY IS ESTIMATED AT  
ABOUT 5 WEEKS, TENTATIVELY MAY 10 - JUNE 15. THREE U.S.  
HELICOPTERS AND CREWS WOULD BE USED TO FERRY SURVEY TEAMS  
IN AND OUT OF REMOTE AREAS, AND TO AIRLIFT RELIEF SUPPLIES  
TO POCKETS OF ACUTE DISTRESS AS AND WHEN THESE ARE IDENTI-  
FIED. CREWS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN  
DISTANCES FROM THE BORDER, SAY 50 MILES, HOWEVER THIS  
WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO INSURE BECAUSE OF THE UNDEFINED NATURE  
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OF THE BORDER.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS THIS PLAN IN TERMS OF  
POSSIBLE SOMALI REACTION TO U.S. MILITARY IN THE AREAS AND  
CONSEQUENCES OF ACCIDENTAL BORDER CROSSINGS, ETC.

4. IF ADVISABLE, SUGGEST DISCUSSING WITH GSDR. MIGHT  
POINT OUT OUR GENERAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF  
ALL NOMADIC AND OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

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